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## SEASON'S GREETINGS FOR 1944

In presenting this new Catalog for dahlias, I wish to thank all my numerous patrons for their past support, and in soliciting continuation of their esteemed patronage to assure them and all new clients that their wishes will always receive my closest personal attention.

This list has been brought right up to date, with the best varieties from all dahlia producing countries, and all novelties have been tried and proven in my garden, and while your local conditions may cause some variation those cataloged can be confidently relied upon, their descriptions being as faithful as possible, and quite unexaggerated.

Do not be discouraged if a variety does not do well with you the first year; try it again as some need to be acclimated.

Look for our new novelties for 1944 imported from Australia, England. You will see them at all the shows this coming year.

Our green plants are grown so as to give the maximum of results of equal or superior to root stock. This is only accomplished by the selection of healthy, vigorous roots benched in a moderate heat that will enable us to take stocky base cuttings.

Only a reasonable number of cuttings are taken and none used that are spindly. After cuttings are rooted and potted and begin to grow, they are moved to cooler quarters and shifted to larger pots. At this stage small tubers are beginning to form, assuring that clumps will be obtained at digging time. The plants are later hardened off in outside quarters so as to withstand shipping and be in good condition for planting out.

We try to keep our list of varieties limited by retaining a very high percentage of those that are

placed on the "Honor Roll" consecutive seasons in this country and abroad. The varieties mentioned herein are of exceptional merit and may be grown to your complete satisfaction, if you will dig deep, cultivate regularly, and keep insects under control, particularly the leaf hoffer.

Our plants are all base cutting.

We take great pride in sending healthy, clean, strong plants.

We guarantee all dahlia roots and plants to be in first-class condition when they leave our place, as they are state inspected.

We ship all green plants about May 1st to May 15th. To avoid disappointment order early. Our stock is limited on some varieties. We do not substitute unless requested.

Terms: Cash, or 25 % deposit with order; balance at shipping time. On orders over **\$5.00** we pay charges.

Visitors are always welcome to our gardens.

We carry a complete line of annuals in our greenhouse, including the latest novelties. We sell by the dozen or by flats. Don't forget to order some annuals this spring.

Can supply roots of plants listed. Let us know what you need.

## ABBREVIATIONS

FD—Formal Decorative

ID—Informal Decorative

SC—Semi-Cactus

C—Cactus



## OUTSTANDING DAHLIAS, 1944

### CROYDON IDEAL (ID)

Another grand champion from Australia. Blooms 11x7 on long, strong stems, color is new, autumn to bronze ground-overlaid mahogany. Really a fine dahlia.

Plants \$3.50 Net

### ERICA (C)

A lovely and striking color, richest possible clear, deep pink throughout, carried on long, wiry stems.....

Plants \$2.50

### LUCY COOK

A new semi-cactus from England. Color dark lilac or heliotrope. Height 5 feet. Blooms 10 inches on long stiff stems.

Plants \$3.50

### RED STAR (C)

Fiery crimson scarlet. A new one from England for 1944. Really outstanding.

Plants \$2.50

### NATION'S PRIDE (ID)

Color blend of peach, red suffused buff and chrome yellow, with red at center, rugged grower, large blooms. Scored 86 at trial garden .....

Plants \$5.00

### SAMSON

A truly monster cactus, ten inches or more across, plants being robust, stems long and strong. Color, crimson throughout.

Plants \$1.50

### WHITE CHIEF

A new white from England, very large blooms. You will hear a lot about this dahlia this coming season.....

Plants \$3.50

### WHITE CHRISTMAS

A 10 inch white dahlia, formal to informal. Plants are vigorous, rugged grower, keeps well when cut. A good root maker, scored 85 at trial garden.....

Plants \$5.00

## SEASON'S OUTSTANDING DAHLIAS

### AILSA FANTOM (ID)

From Australia. A real fine large pink, tall grower; one of the best.....

Plants \$1.00

### ARTHUR FRANCIS (ID)

A huge, well formed bright orange, scarlet flower with splendid stems, vigorous grower .....

Plants \$1.50

ALICE MAY (ID)

One of the best white to date.....Plants \$ .75

ALL AMERICAN (ID)

A large mulberry rose—suffused salmon;  
one of the large ones..... \$ .50 Net

A. J. PARKER (ID) AUSTRALIA

Color, salmon buff with rose magenta re-  
verse, large blooms.....Plants \$1.00

AGNES FOSTER (ID)

Clear pink, shaded orchid with deeper cen-  
ter .....Plants \$ .50

BATAAN

Red cactus tipped gold, very fine dahlia  
Plants \$ .50  
Roots 1.00

BALLEGOS SURPRISE (WC)

One of our best white cactus. Hard to  
beat .....Plants \$ .75

BANDOENING (ID)

Large blooms, autumn shade, wonderful  
stems .....Plants \$ .75

BETTY DAVIS (SC)

Lovely lavender rose color. Fine stock.  
Plants \$ .50

BEAUTE (C)

Very fine yellow. It's a dandy.....Plants \$ .50

BESS SMITH (ID)

If you want a good white, don't miss this  
one. Good grower and very large blooms.  
Plants \$1.50

BILLS GOLD (ID)

Large gold blooms. This was best dahlia I  
saw last season; was commented on by every-  
one who saw it last season; so don't miss this  
one .....Plants \$1.00 Net

COLUMBIA (SC)

Blooms 10 to 12 inches, a deep gold and  
pink blend. This was an outstanding dahlia  
in my garden last season. Have a very good  
stock of this dahlia.....Plants \$1.00  
Roots 3.00

CROYDON ACME (FD)

Large lavender blooms, on long stems, very  
good .....Plants \$ .75



### CROYDON BUTTERCUP (ID)

If you want a good yellow that has good stems and produces good roots, don't miss this one; one of the best.....Plants \$1.00

### CROYDON CRYSTAL

The best white to date, winner of N.D.G.A. certificate. A grand champion winner. Must be grown from side bud to get long stems .....Plants \$1.50 Net

### CROYDON DELIGHT (ID)

Another grand champion from Australia. Blooms 11x6. Color, lemon shaded pink at tips and reverse.....Plants \$1.00

### CROYDON ELITE

A deep rich mustard shade with a scarlet hue at the edge of every petal. A grand champion winner .....Plants \$1.50

### CROYDON SCARLET

Very rich scarlet with cerise reverse. Large blooms and good grower.....Plants \$1.50 Net

### CROYDON SUPERB (ID)

One of the best yellows in Australia for 1941. 11 to 12 inch blooms on long strong stems; will be hard to beat.....Plants \$1.50  
Roots 3.00

### CROYDON TRIUMPH (ID)

One of the best for 1941, champion in Australia. Color, pale cream with a faint mauve, reverse on petals.....Plants \$2.50

### CROYDON VIOLET

Large purple, long stems, plant full of blooms all summer. This was the best dahlia in my garden last season.....Plants \$1.00

### CLIFFS CHOICE (FD)

A perfect giant formal, champagne over salmon pink .....Plants \$1.50

### CHARLOTTE E. COLLIS (ID)

A very fine dahlia. Color, orange flame, good grower .....Plants \$1.00

### CHASAMY (FD)

This is the lavender formal to date. It is hard to beat.....Plants \$ .50

- CHEROKEE BRAVE (ID)  
Large red. 10 to 11 inches. Good grower.  
Plants \$ .50
- CRINKLES (ID)  
Very fine yellow, from Australia. Have new stock from grower in Australia.....Plants \$ .75  
Roots 1.50
- CROWNING GLORY (C)  
This was outstanding dahlia for 1941, so don't miss this one.....Plants \$1.00 Net
- CONLIN KELLY JR. (ID)  
Clear phlox pink. This was the largest dahlia I saw last season.....Plants \$2.50
- DARCY SAINSBURY (FD)  
This is the best white to date.....Plants \$ .50
- DEAN SHURTLEFF  
Large crimson red informal decorative; one of the best reds. Don't miss this one.  
Plants \$1.50
- DEUL DE ROI ALBERT (ID)  
Bi-color maroon tipped white...Plants \$ .50 Net
- DUKE OF WINDSOR (ID)  
Color, dark red, on long stems.....Plants \$1.00
- DULCINEA (C)  
Brilliant red. Bush full of blooms....Plants \$ .50
- DIXIE'S MASTERPIECE (ID)  
Very large blooms .....Plants \$1.00
- DONS SUNRISE (SC)  
A new one from Australia. Resembles the morning sun. Truly an outstanding dahlia, with a great future and you will hear a lot about it in the coming shows.....Plants \$1.50
- EVELYN CHANDLER (SC)  
A very large autumn shade cactus...Plants \$ .75
- EVENTIDE (ID)  
Large purple dahlia, very good grower.  
Plants \$ .50
- ENKARTS PRIMA (SC)  
Soft, deep salmon color with a deep yellow center .....Plants \$ .75 Net
- ENCHANTRESS (ID)  
Orange buff .....Plants \$ .75

FARRAR ROJEK (ID)

This is one of the best bi-color to date, very large blooms on long stems.....Plants \$1.00

FLASH (C)

A very fine bi-color.....Plants \$ .50

FREDA GEORGE (ID)

Color, soft cream pink. Large blooms on long stems .....Plants \$ .50 Net

F. RILEY (ID)

Large flowers of brilliant rosy purple color. Very fine. Don't overlook this one..Plants \$ .75

GEO. YOUNG

Pink cactus. A new one from England. Bush loaded with blooms with long stems. Plants \$1.50

GILLMAN'S BEAUTY (FD)

Pink of perfect form, carried on long stiff stems .....Plants \$ .50

GINGER ROGERS (ID)

Large yellow wonderful stems. One of the best yellows to date.....Plants \$1.00

GLAMOUR (ID)

An immense true purple, very large blooms. Plants \$ .50

GLORIA BACHER (FD)

Large purple blooms, on cane-like stems, wonderful grower .....Plants \$ .50

GREY DAWN (FD)

White, flushed orchid, fine cut flower Plants \$ .75

IRENE DUNN

Straight cactus, color rose pink. Tall grower with good stems.....Plants \$1.50  
Roots 5.00

KARDINAL VON ROSSUN (C)

Beautiful violet purple, good stems..Plants \$ .50

KENTUCKY SPORTSMAN (ID)

Very fine bi-color, orange, tipped white. Plants \$ .50

KINGCUP CACTUS

A very fine semi-cactus, flowers very large, clear yellow throughout, full centers. You are going to hear a lot about this fine dahlia this coming season.....Plants \$1.00



### KING COLE (ID)

This is one of the finest reds to date, 10 to 12 inches, long strong stems. I have very fine stock .....Plants \$1.00

### LADY MURIEL (ID)

If you want a real dahlia grow this one. Color vieux rose shading to coppery rust, should side bud.....Plants \$1.50

### LADY GALLAWAY (ID)

This was the outstanding yellow in my garden last season. Good grower and very large blooms.....Plants \$1.50

### LAVENDER KING

A large formal on long, strong stems, blooms 12x6, color is a silvery lavender .....Plants \$1.50

### LAVENDER BLUSH

A giant, pale lavender. Very outstanding dahlia .....Plants \$1.50

### LEMON GIANT

One of the best lemon shades, grows about 5 feet tall, very blooms, recommended very highly .....Plants \$1.50

### LEAH PEARL (FD)

This surely is a beautiful dahlia. Cream tinted lavender; great demand by the florist .....Plants \$ .50  
Roots 1.00

### LOIS WALCHER (ID)

Another fine bi-color, purple tipped white. ....Plants \$ .50

### LORD OF AUTUMN (ID)

One of the best yellows today. I have fine stock of this variety.....Plants \$ .50 Net

### LYNN FONTAINE (SC)

1941 honor dahlia. If you want a large dahlia grow this one; 12 inches, tall grower. ....Plants \$1.00

### MAFFIE (SC)

One of the largest red today. Blooms 12x6, tall grower. If you want fine dahlia, grow this one .....Plants \$1.00  
Roots 2.00

### MARY TAYLOR (C)

Congo pink cactus, very nice.....Plants \$ .50

## MARY ELLEN FORDHAM

Rich crimson semi-cactus, tall grower, very large blooms. One grand dahlia.....Plants \$1.50  
Roots 5.00

## MARJORY RUBERY (C)

Another good white cactus. Tall grower and long stems.....Plants \$1.50

## MARGERET WOODCOCK (ID), AUSTRALIA

Very large blooms. Color, deep mauve shades, very attractive.....Plants \$1.00

## MICHIGAN WHITE (SC)

Very fine white, and a fine cut flower.  
Plants \$ .50

## MISS OAKLAND (FD)

Best formal in the white class, and a fine cut flower .....Plants \$ .50

## MILBEES SANTANIC

A very large yellow. Australia. Blooms 10 to 11 inches, carried on long stems; one of the best .....Plants \$1.00

## MISS WHOROONGO

Beautiful dark red cactus, long stems and a fine cut flower. Lots of blooms.....Plants \$ .75

## MRS. ANNA KLINE (ID)

If you want a good yellow, don't miss this one, it's a dandy .....Plants \$1.00

## MRS. EDITH WILKE

Another fine white, good grower, one of the best .....Plants \$1.00

## MRS. THOMAS EDISON (ID)

Large purple, with a white reflex at petals.  
Plants \$1.00

## MURPHY MASTERPIECE (ID)

Blood red. One of the largest dahlias in cultivation. Have fine stock of this dahlia.  
Plants \$ .50 Net

## NANCY ANN MITCHELL (C)

Color vivid scarlet, fine stems.....\$ .75

## NIGHT FALL (C)

One of the cactus which made a great hit last season. Color, deep crimson, almost maroon.  
Plants \$1.00

## ORANGE PRINCESS

Orange cactus. Tall bushes, full of blooms  
on long stems .....Plants \$ .75

## PINK GIANT (ID)

One of the finest pinks, long stems. Don't  
miss this one.....Plants \$ .50

## PREMIER MAJESTIC (ID)

Color, salmon mulberry gold.....Plants \$ .50

## PREMIER WINSOME (ID)

Very large pink blooms.....Plants \$ .50

## PRESIDENT DR. ED. BENES (ID)

Large blooms, color, brilliant red. Don't  
miss this one. Still one of the best in my  
garden .....Plants \$ .75

## PURPLE TRIUMPH (ID)

Immense reddish purple, striped phlox  
pink .....Plants \$1.50

## PYGMALION

Cactus. A very fine autumn shade, you will  
like this one. Good grower.....Plants \$ .75

## REBELLION (C)

Color deep rich plum, plants strong, and  
flowers freely on good stems.....Plants \$1.00

## RYTHM

Cameo pink cactus. I think this was the  
most outstanding dahlia last season. Don't  
miss this one.....Plants \$2.00 Net

## RITTA WELLS (ID)

Color, soft peach and light gold on cream  
ground. Very large blooms.....Plants \$ .75

## RUTH NICHOLLS

Blooms 10x5. A real good lavender for-  
mal which we need nowadays. Good  
grower .....Plants \$1.50

## SCARLET LEADER (SC)

Color, scarlet red, on long stems.....Plants \$ .50

## SILVER LADY (ID)

Color, white, lightly flush, edged lavender.  
Plants \$ .75



## SUNRAYS (ID)

Autumn shade. Long, strong stems. Have very fine stock.....Plants \$ .50

## SYDNEY (ID)

A new dahlia from Australia. Beautiful rose pink with a tinge of gold at the base of petals, very large blooms.....Plants \$1.50  
Roots 3.00

## STARFISH

Orange buff cactus. A new one from England, large blooms on good stems.....Plants \$1.50

## STEPHENS FOSTER (IC)

Buff with scarlet suffusion. Tall grower and a very fine dahlia.....Plants \$1.00

## SUNGLOW (SC)

Medium size peach red and golden yellow .....Plants \$1.50

## SNOW BALL

White cactus. Very outstanding, long stems. Don't miss this one.....Plants \$1.00

## TOP FLIGHT (SC)

A bright crimson, with large petals. Tall grower, very outstanding.....Plants \$1.00

## THUNDERBOLDT (SC)

I had heard so much about this dahlia, so I grew it last season and it was the best dahlia I saw last year. 12 inch blooms on long, stiff stems, one of the best reds. Have good stock .....Plants \$ .75

## THE REAL GLORY (ID)

Outstanding white. Good stems. Rugged grower, very large blooms.....Plants \$ .75  
Roots 1.50

## THE GOVERNOR (FD)

Large, formal yellow. Wonderful stems. Plants \$ .50

## TRIUMPH OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA (ID)

Color, red-tipped white. Very fine bi-color .....Plants \$ .75

## VANS YELLOW (SC)

I think this is one of our best semi-cactus in yellow class we have to date. Fine dahlia in every respect. Don't miss this one .....Plants \$1.50  
Roots 5.00

### VICTORY (FD)

Very fine pink formal.....Plants \$ .50

### VILLERS BRETONNEUX

Rich blood red, lightly suffused yellow at tips and base of petals, one of the best.

Plants \$1.00

### VIRGINIA RUTE

Large red blooms. 10 to 12 inches, tall grower, don't miss this one.....Plants \$ .50

### VELVET KING (ID)

Large red, very fine grower and ranks of the best .....Plants \$1.00

### WAC (FD)

Pastel shades with cream center and pink outer petals .....Plants \$1.50

### WHITE FAWN (FD)

White Minn., very fine cut flower.....Roots \$ .50

### WM. SHINKFIELD (ID)

This was the best dahlia in my garden last season. Large blooms, 10 to 12 inches, autumn shades .....Plants \$1.00

### WHITE CAPS

This was the best white ball dahlia that I saw last season. Wonderful stems.....Plants \$ .50

### WHITE TRIUMPH (C)

Very fine white cactus. On long stems.  
Plants \$ .75  
Roots 1.50

### ZENITH

Medium size red cactus, long stems, very fine .....Plants \$ .75

### JAMES ROSS

An Informal Decorative and will grow from 10x14x8 inches. This dahlia is a rugged grower, heavy bloomer, a good tuber maker and has a wonderful stem that holds the bloom well out of the foliage. Insects do not bother this dahlia. This dahlia won a first in a vase of three in seedling class, and also a first in an open class in the Pittsburgh, Pa., Dahlia Show last year.....Plants \$5.00

## OUTSTANDING MINIATURES

### ANDRIES ORANJE (MC)

Bright orange flower; on long, stiff stems. This was best cut flower in my garden last year. Keep long when cut; have had them in my home for a week.....Plants \$ .50

### BABY ROSE

Light pink informal. Great demand by the florist .....Plants \$ .50

### BROCKLEY

Fancy type. One of the finest cut flower charms we have. Very long stiff stems. The color is orange red, yellow at base of petals. Plants \$ .50

### CASULA FLAME (C)

Flame color. Don't miss this one. Fine show blooms and cut flower.....Plants \$ .50

### CASULA PEARL (C)

One of the best in my garden last season. In great demand by the florist. Color, opal pink .....Plants \$ .50

### MARKET JEWELL

Rich, red cactus, fine cut flower.....Plants \$ .75

### MIA

Red Cactus on long stems.....Plants \$ .50

### KENSINGTON DAWN (C) MINIATURE

This was the Grand Champion last year in Australia. Color, lemon yellow shaded and edged bronze with lavender suffusion on long, strong stems.....Plants \$ .50

### KENSINGTON JOY (C)

One of the best miniature I grew last year. Deep bronze shaded amber on long stems. Plants \$ .50

### LITTLE DIAMOND

Lovely pink cactus .....Plants \$ .50



## LYLE ANDRE (C)

A very fine miniature. Color, deep yellow heavy tipped salmon bronze.....Plants \$ .50

## SPIRIT

Bi-colored novelty, scarlet tipped white.  
Very good .....Plants \$ .50  
Roots .50

## SUSAN R.

Salmon pink cactus, very fine stems, one of the best miniatures last season.....Plants \$ .50

## VIRGINIA

A real good cactus and good grower. Best of stems. Color, scarlet.....Plants \$ .50

## WHITE PEARL

A real good white cactus on long stiff stems.  
Plants \$ .50

## WINEFRED

Red cactus. One of the best reds.....Plants \$ .50

## OUTSTANDING POMPOMS

### BETTY MALONE

White pom tipped violet purple.....Plants \$ .50

### BRASS BUTTONS

Clear yellow. Don't miss this pom, it's a dandy .....Plants \$ .50

### BRIATTANS DELIGHT

A real pom with good stems. Color, fawn shade .....Plants \$ .50

### CLOVER

Soft pink, with white center.....Plants \$ .50

### ILA (P)

Deep blood red.....Plants \$ .50

### LITTLE PRINCE

One of the best yellow poms to date  
Plants \$ .50

MRS. J. TELFER (P)

Pure white of best exhibition type..Plants \$ .50

MRS. V. BRITTAIN

A lovely pink, deeper at tips. Good for  
show .....Plants \$ .50

MORNING MIST

White tinted lavender, long stiff stems.  
Plants \$ .50

SHERRY

Pom, violet purple .....Plants \$ .50

VALDA (P)

Deep mulberry. Exhibition variety..Plants \$ .50

BALL DAHLIAS

BRONZE BEAUTY

Autumn shade .....Plants \$ .50

MRS. C. D. ANDERSON

A rosy magenta .....Plants \$ .50

DUSKY

Carmine shaded maroon.....Plants \$ .50

LANNIE

A real yellow ball.....Plants \$ .50

ROSY DAWN

Golden yellow tipped rose with red center  
Plants \$ .50

## SPRAY YOUR DAHLIAS

This is a very important thing in growing dahlias. Spray right away as soon as you plant them and at least twice a week after they are planted, because they can be ruined in one week's time by leaf hoppers, and the results are your plants are stunts. Spray with New Evergreen or Black Leaf 40. You will be well paid for your work.

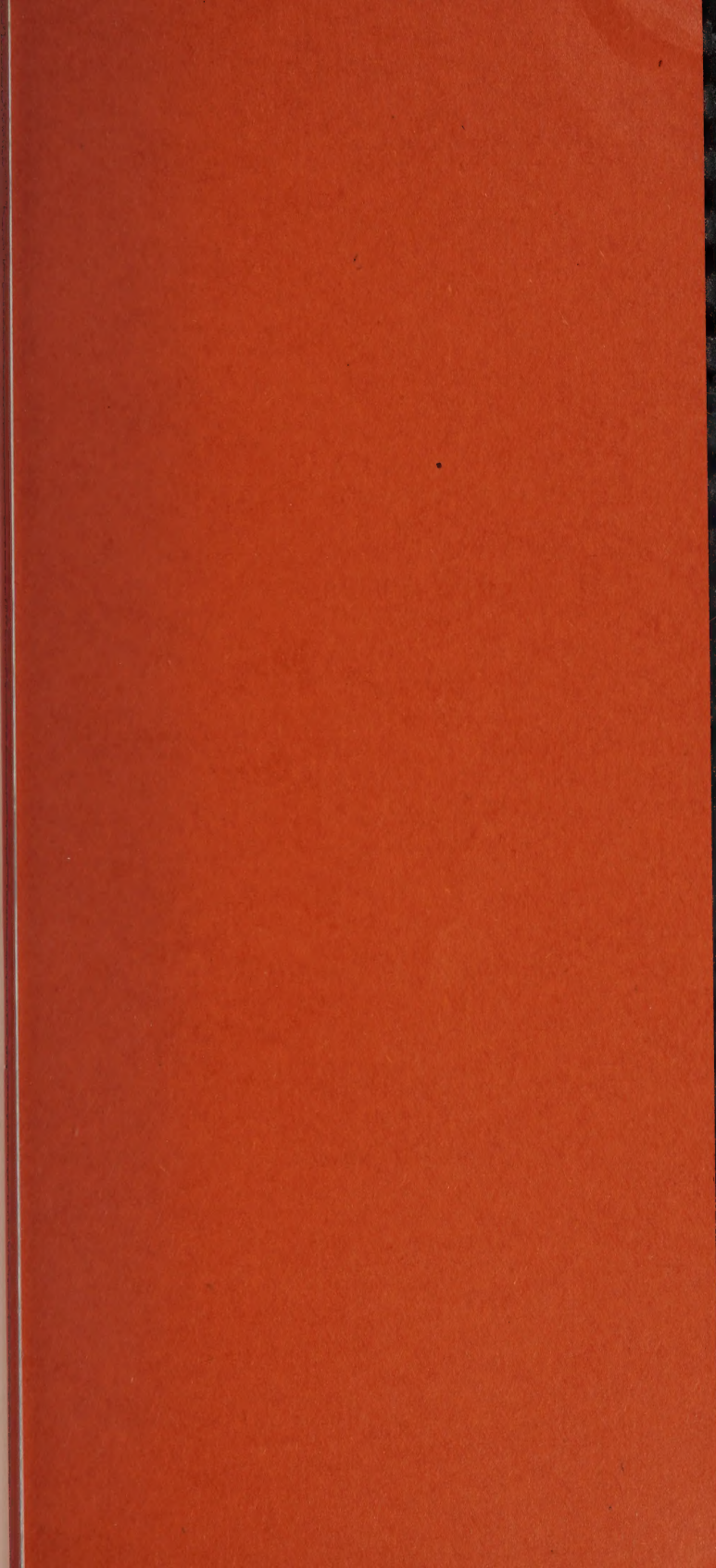
We use the New Evergreen with great results. For Red Spider we use Selo Cide. And we always spray our plants after sundown.

If we can be of any service to you call us or write us, and we will be glad to advise you.

## OUR REPUTATION

Growers say that we ship our plants the best they have ever seen. Shipped in open crates. You will receive them as fresh as when they leave our greenhouse. Shipped by express. Insured.





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